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SUBJ: SOMALI SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST GROUPS IV

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1. FOLLOWING OFFICIAL DENIAL OF GSDR SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST GROUPS
APPEARED IN MAY 18 SOMALI NAIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA) BULLETIN.
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QUOTE. A SOMALI GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY CATEGORICALLY DENIED A
REPORT BY THE US STATE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY PRESENTED BY REPUBLICAN
SENATOR JACOB JAVITS IN WHICH SOMALIA AMONG OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES
WAS SINGLED OUT FOR ACTIVELY SUPPORTING TERRORIST GROUPS, UNDER
THE PRETEXT OF SOMALIA'S SUPPORT TO LFCS (FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION
OF THE SOMALI COAST).

THE SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED SENATOR JAVITS ACCUSATIONS AS
"A BASELESS LIE, INTENDED TO MISLEAD WORLD PUBLIC OPINION".

HE DECLARED THAT SOMALIA WHICH ADVOCATES PEACE AND
FREEDOM EXTENDS SUPPORT TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE
FLCS, BUT DOES NOT ENCOURAGE AND ORGANIZE TERRORIST MOVEMENTS
WHO ENDANGER PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE WORLD.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO REGAIN
THEIR INDEPENDENCE CANNOT BE TERMED AS "TERRORISM", BUT AS
GENUINE MOVE TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES FROM COLONIALIST OPPRESSION",
SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

COMMENTING ON SENATOR JAVITS REFERENCE TO THE KIDNAP
INCIDENT IN 1975 OF THE THEN FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN MOGADISHU,
THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE INCIDENT WAS SUCCESSFULLY SETTLED
BY THE PEACEFAP MEDIATION OF THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT WITHOUT
WHICH THE INCIDENT WOULD HAVE ASSUMED DISASTROUS PROPORTIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE FALSE ACCUSATION OF THE
AMERICAN SENATOR IS PART OF THE ZIONIST AND IMPERIALIST PLOTS
TO DISTORT THE IMAGE OF SOMALIA WHOSE PROGRESSIVE POLICY IS
VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO SLAVERY, OPPRESSION AND ALL KINDS OF
COLONIALISM.

"WHATEVER LIES AND PROPAGANDA SPREAD AGAINST US WILL NEVER
AFFECT OUR CONCRETE POLICY OF SUPPORTING THESE PEOPLES WHO
ARE STRUGGLING TO BREAK THE CHAINS OF COLONIALISM SO AS
CONTRIBUTE TO BRING ABOUT A WORLD IN WHICH JUSTICE AND HUMAN
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EQUALITY PREVAIL", THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED. UNQUOTE.

2. SIMILAR STATEMENTS HAVE APPEARED IN OTHER NEWSPAPERS AND
OVER RADIO MOGADISCIO.

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3. CHARGE CALLED ON MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS AMERICAN DESK
OFFICER HASSAN KAID ABDILLAH MAY 18 TO FIND OUT WHETHER GSDR
INTENDED TAKE MATTER ANY FURTHER. HASSAN KAID SAID HE COULDN'T
BE SURE BECAUSE AFFAIR WAS OUT OF MINISTRY HANDS (MEDIA
RELEASES WERE WORK OF "POLITICAL AUTHORITIES"), BUT HE THOUGHT
IT SIGNIFICANT THAT USG HAD COME OFF LIGHTLY IN DENIAL. HE
POINTED OUT THAT, ALTHOUGH "US STATE DEPARTMENT" MENTIONED,
THERE WAS NO MENTION OF VOA AND IMPRESSION WAS GIVEN
THAT SENATOR RESPONSIBLE FOR "ACCUSATION". IN GSDR'S INIMITABLE
WAY, THIS WAS PRESUMABLY INTENDED TO SALVAGE GSDR PRIDE WITHOUT
UNDULY COMPLICATING US/SOMALI RELATIONS. HAVING ISSUED DENIAL
"FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION", HASSAN KAID SAID, HE THOUGHT MATTER

MIGHT REST THERE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DEPARTMENT
WISHES EMBASSY TO RAISE SONNA REPORT WITH MINISTRY. WE SEE
NO GAIN FOR US IN POLEMIC ON SUBJECT. IF HASSAN KAI'D'S
ASSESSMENT OF GSDR INTENTIONS IS CORRECT, THERE IS NOT LIKELY
BY ANY FURTHER PUBLIC REFERENCE TO JAVITS/BENNETT CORRESPONDENCE,
AT LEAST UNTIL SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS IN JUNE.
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